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# University purchases class space in Macon

BY TYLER SMITH SENIOR REPORTER

Thanks to a \$1.8 million purchase by the Georgia College & State University Foundation, graduate students in Macon will finally have a permanent home.

Classes will begin Maymester 2007 at GCSU's new Center for Graduate and Professional Learning, located in the Thomas Jefferson Building in downtown Macon, said Anne Gormly, vice president for academic affairs.

The purchase includes

floors of the building, as well as administrative offices on the first floor. An additional \$1.2 million will go toward renovating the 30,000 square feet space, Gormly said.

Amy Nitsche, vice president for university advancement, said the foundation borrowed the \$3 million and plans on raising funds to pay off the loan over the next several The Peyton years. Anderson Foundation out of Macon has already donated \$500,000 for the project, Nitsche said.

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the third, fourth and fifth offered graduate courses in Macon at a variety of locations, including on Macon State College's campus.

"What we are looking to do is to expand our outreach and potentially add other programs, though that takes a little bit longer," Gormly said. "But mostly we want to make it easier for people to find us. It is very hard right now for us to have an identity at Macon State College. So the programs that we house there are the ones that we currently

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE GCSU spent a total of about \$3 million to purchase and renovate the new space in the Jefferson Building in downtown Macon. The facilities will be used by graduate students in Macon, who have previously had classes scattered across the city.

# Milledgeville lights up



Christmas lights and other holiday decorations are springing up all over Milledgeville. The Hanging of the Greens celebration that will decorate the GCSU front campus will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, starting at 5 p.m. In this week's Colonnade, learn what will be the high ticket items this holiday season on page 5, and see what GCSU students want for Christmas in this week's Bobcat Beat on page 7.

# Student stress levels high as final exam weeks approach

BY COREY DICKSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER

With the semester coming to a close, students can relax knowing that only two more weeks of tests, presentations and finals stand in the way of holiday freedom. Unfortunately high stress levels present obstacles to everyone at the end of each semester.

Students at GCSU may not be aware of the harmful effects associated with high stress and anxiety levels. Fatigue and sickness can negatively affect those who work themselves into a pressure packed lifestyle.

Junior exercise science major Chris Bazemore said it's tough because the teachers always seem to assign the most work this time of the semester. "It seems like they try to stuff it all in at the end,"

Bazemore said. GCSU does provide guidance. Counseling Services is free to all GCSU students who need advice on dealing with stress and other common problems.

A student can get individual attention in dealing

help for those in need of with stress management. All they need to do is call to setup an appointment or walk in to schedule a time with the staff.

> Dr. Amy Harrington, a licensed psychologist, said stress management is one of the more common

issues with the students.

Harrington said roommate issues and dealing with the structure of college is often a big stressor for students at GCSU. Along with these issues,

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ing many different ways to cope with the stress of final exams.

ASHLEY ACKERMAN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Senior Elisa Iannilli practices a stress relaxation technique in the Library. Students are find-

**SEX OFFENDER** Page 3

# Sex crime felons near **GCSU**

BY JESSICA MURPHY SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU students and faculty should be shocked to know that there are over 40 registered sex offenders located in Baldwin County.

According Georgia Sex Offenders website, most of these offenders live off of 441 Highway Highway 22, both of which are located near GCSU.

Director of Public Safety Ken Vance says that GCSU has not had many issues with sex offenders but still wants the campus to be aware that these individuals are out there.

"The last big case Public Safety had with a sex offender was approximately six years ago when we had a sales (man) who used to visit campus. He would make his sales calls then go around campus to one or two locations and expose himself," Vance said. "Fortunately, we were able to apprehend this individual after about the third incident. During this process we put out fliers, articles in The Colonnade, and through a tip we were able to make an arrest and get a conviction."

Ali MacLaren, a senior communication major, lives at College Station and is aware that there are sex offenders located within miles of her.

"I knew that there were sex offenders in Baldwin County but I never realized how close they were to my apartment complex or campus," MacLaren said. "I came across a website that located every offender in Baldwin County and that's when I realized how close they were to me. It really is scary to know that there are sex offenders within just blocks of where I live."

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#### Sex Offender

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According to familywatchdog.com, there are over 40,000 victims of sexual assault each year and over 550,000 registered sex offenders in the United

Over the years, Public Safety has done its best to keep these sexual predators off of the GCSU campus.

"The sheriff's department sends Public Safety a monthly update of the sex offenders residing in Baldwin County. We go through this list to ascertain if there are any within our jurisdiction," Vance said. "If so, we contact them and trespass them from our campus. By doing this, if we discover that the offender is on campus, we can immediately arrest the person and take them to

Kate McWilliams, a senior management major, was stunned when she found failure to register and out about the sex offenders that were located near

"I forget sometimes that Milledgeville is more than a town full of college students," McWilliams said. "I walk around downtown and campus at all hours, and I never really have considered the fact that there are sex offenders out there who I could come in contact with. It is nice to know that Public Safety, as well as the entire county, is doing its best to keep GCSU safe from these indi-

Huge strides have been taken this past year to help people become more informed about sex offenders that are not only located in Baldwin County but also around the United States.

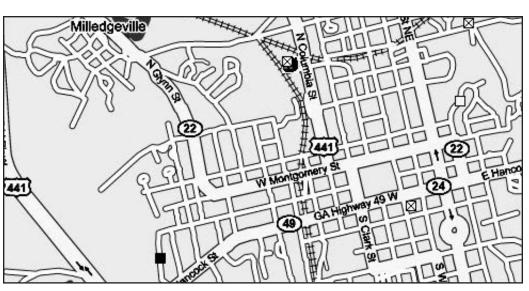
According Wikipedia.com, in July of this year the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act was signed into law by President Bush. This law organizes sex offenders into three levels and makes

updating information a felony. This law also created a national sex offender registry which instructs each state and territory to apply identical criteria for posting offender data on the Internet (i.e., offenders name, address, date of birth, place of employment and photograph).

Vance says that the number one thing a student can do to help protect themselves from sex offenders is to know what is going on around them.

"Knowledge is power, so stay informed." Vance said. "If you have any contact with someone you suspect may be a sex offender, please contact Public Safety and we'll be glad to assist you."

For more information about sex offenders located in Baldwin County and other surrounding areas contact the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or visit their website http://www.ganet.org/gbi/i ndex.html.



Maps found on familywatchdog.us show where all sex offenders live and where they work. Public Safety routinely checks the sex offender registry to insure that students are protected from sexual predators.

# Registration woes continue

BY ISAAC GODFREY SENIOR REPORTER

Every semester students have to endure the dreaded registration process, and every time, many students are left with a schedule full

of unwanted classes. With registration beginning at 5 a.m., many students get up early to get the classes they need, but this

does not guarantee success. In an informal survey of 50 students, 44 of which were underclassmen, 76 percent reported they had registered before 8 a.m. on the first day of registration, however, 76 percent also reported that they had to resort to alternate class choices to fill their schedules.

Greg Callas, an undecided freshman, said he has had problems with finding open classes..

"It is so troublesome to sign up for classes and they don't even have enough classes to support the student body," Callas said.

President Dorothy Leland said she understood at an ideal time. students' frustration, but said registration problems students want to all take are common at educational institutions across the United States.

"I think that part of the problem is the expectation not on Fridays.' And that, that you can do it all at of course, is a problem. But once and then sometimes that doesn't mean that the belief that if you don't improvements can't be get the courses you want made (to the process.)" the first time, you are not going to get them," Leland

An issue of concern for many underclassmen is tion begins, faculty analyze early registration. Of the students surveyed, 76 percent were not eligible for early registration and 68 percent felt early registration gave an unfair advantage to other students.

The survey also found that 30 percent of students reported the part of registration that gives them the most trouble is finding an open class they need at the correct time.

Leland said students need to be flexible with their schedules because not all classes will be available

"Another issue is that their courses at the same time," Leland said. "Not before 11 (a.m.), thank you, and not after 2 (p.m.) and

Leland said registration is part of the education process and students need to realize that after registrathe demands to determine if more classes are needed.

"Sometimes you don't know how many sections you need to put up until students begin to register, because you don't know what your demand is going to be," Leland said. "So it is really about a month long process where people back in the departments are looking at the demand and trying to accommodate the students."

Information contributed by Laura Grundy, Tyler Smith and Brooke Williams

# Transfer students met with open arms at GCSU

BY BRIAN FARRELL SENIOR REPORTER

As the Fall semester finally winds down, the hustle and bustle of incoming and outgoing transfer students is just beginning in the admissions office.

"We're not sure exactly leaving yet," said Director of Admissions Mike

freshman orientation. We also pair them up with a buddy through TSA who shows them around town and helps make their transition as smooth as possible."

transferred to Georgia Southern from GCSU and they did how many people are absolutely nothing to help me," said former student Andrew Blankenship. "I

Every year people move around, but we've seen a steady increase in retention rate. We are becoming a first-choice school for students now, instead of a backup.

> Mike Augustine, **GCSU Director of Admissions**

Augustine. "But we've had to sit through a fouralready got 128 new stu-hour freshman orientation, dents, 23 of which are and when I left I still didfreshman."

GCSU now have an advantage over those at other schools due to a new program called TSA, short for the Transfer Student Association. The program, headed by Transfer Articulation Specialist Stacy Milner, should be in full swing for next semes-

"We do a lot for our transfers," Milner said. "When they come to GCSU, we help them with their schedules, provide them with tours of campus and living quarters, and don't make them sit

n't know where my classes Incoming transfers at were or what people did for fun in Statesboro."

Over the last few years, GCSU has experienced slight changes in demographics between Fall and Spring semesters due to transfers, and it seems like certain trends are becoming more and more evident.

"Every year people move around but we've seen a steady increase in retention rate," Augustine said. "We are becoming a first-choice school for students now, instead of a backup."

Another trend

through a painstaking GCSU is working to counteract is the issue of ethnic diversity, or rather, the lack thereof. According to statistics posted on the University System of Georgia's website, GCSU is more than 86 percent white, a figure which ranks second highest in the state only to Dalton College, with 87 percent. Right now our black students make up 9 percent of the student body while Asians and Hispanics combined form a meager 3.4 percent.

The total population of GCSU has increased gradually by 4 -5 percent per year and in the past the university seemed to have lost more students between Fall and Spring then we have gained, due largely to graduating seniors that were a semester behind.

"It's really important to us that we start to attract a wider range of students," Augustine said. "We have a lot of athletes that come from out of state as well as other countries and that is something we want to encourage within the regular student body as well."

According to the university admissions office, GCSU has formed a special diversity task force to fully address the issue. For more statistics and figures, check the University System of Georgia website at www.USG.edu.

### "The problem is that there's always two sides to a story."

- Steve Chambers, Milledgeville City Council member

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Electronic items such as cell phones, iPods, video game systems and laptops are likely to be the top selling items during this holiday shopping season.

# **Students: Electronics** popular as holiday gifts

BY AUBREY KOSCELSKI STAFF WRITER

Christmas is right around the corner and every mall and shopping center is fully decorated in Christmas bliss as more and more shoppers continue to pin-point that "perfect" gift. Although it will be hard to get your hands on a Play Station 3 this holiday season, there are plenty more hot items that are sure to please family and friends.

Stephen Peck, senior management business major, is convinced that the PS3 and the Air Jordan's will be this season's biggest

"The Play Station 3 is going to be one of the top sellers this Christmas," Peck said. "They may be pricey, but they're defiantly going to sell. There's also an Air Jordan coming out on Christmas Eve that will be a sure sell-out."

Other electronics that are sure to have customers waiting in long lines for hours at a time include the Xbox 360 along with the Nintendo Wii.

Assistant professor of Christopher economics, Clark, agrees with many that electronic devices will be on everyone's list this Christmas.

"Obviously the PS3 and the Nintendo Wii are hot," Clark said. "The child learning systems, V.smile and Leapfrog appear to be very popular for younger nieces and nephews. My daughters are getting a V.smile, so it is, by default, hot."

The Nintendo Wii, which hit stores on Nov.20, sells for less than the Xbox 360 and the PS3, and is presumably going to be in large demand by females as well as males.

Kevin Bull, a junior art

history major, wishes to have a Nintendo Wii under his tree this year.

"Video games in the past have been associated with promoting laziness among children and teens; however, the Wii does quite the opposite as it forces players to interact physically by creating motions and movements while playing," Bull said. "I think that the Nintendo Wii was a great idea. Who wouldn't want one for Christmas?"

Rachel Bolen, a senior art major, is taking a different approach to Christmas gifts this year, rather than going by what the trends may be.

"All of my friends, since they are graduating, are going to get luxurious gifts for Christmas to relieve all of their stress from school," Bolen said. "They will be getting items from Bath and Body Works along with bottles of wine."

When Bolen was asked what she would like for Christmas, she responded with, "I'd really like one of the newest Mac computers. I think they are going to be fast. really big this season."

Bolen was talking about the new Mac Mini Core Duos. These new Mac computers make it easy to live life in chic simplicity as they are just 6.5 inches square and 2 inches small. These make for easy handling of digital photos, music, movies and the Web.

An abundance of iPod's were all the rage last year, and this year may be just the same as many styles are now being sold in various

Ashley Payne, junior outdoor education major, believes the iPods will continue again this year to impress youngsters and adults.

"I think that the colored iPods will be popular items this year," Payne said. "However, personally I'd like to receive a plane ticket this Christmas along with snow skiing gear."

Whatever gift you may be in pursuit of this holiday season, remember to shop early or online because lines are fierce and demanding items are going



#### Stress

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academic pressure to perform creates anxiety for those wishing to please their parents or to succeed in their own internal goals.

"I find that the pressure from the students themselves is more constant than outside parental pressure," Harrington said.

The best ways for an individual to deal with stress is maintaining a balanced diet, drinking more water and physical exer-

"Exercise is a great reliever of pressure, anxiand stress,' Harrington said.

Dr. Harrington said students could get a friend to exercise with them or join a yoga class.

port is extremely important to overall health. Dr. Harrington said students must make time for friends and family. Bazeman agrees.

"I think you have to spend time hanging out with friends so you won't stay locked in your room working all the time," Bazemore said. "I try to keep a good attitude to deal with stress."

With the work load piling up and what seems like a never ending exam schedule in students' way, there are habits to avoid. Dr. Harrington said students should look out for extremes when it comes to studying with no breaks and taking in too much caffeine or alcohol.

One of the most common issues facing students

In addition, social sup- is procrastination. Some like to work under the scope of limited time and others like to plan ahead and knock off work piece by piece.

"I can't work unless I'm under the gun," said Cooper Van Rossum, a sophomore advertising major. "The stress makes me focused, which forces me to work more."

Dr. Harrington said the three main focus points heading into finals week are making a priority list, breaking down academic tasks, and exercising. "We need to always remind ourselves that we'll do the best we can," Harrington

For more information on stress management, students can Counseling Services in Lanier Hall.

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offer in the Macon area."

The Thomas Jefferson Building is located at 433 Cherry St. in the heart of downtown Macon.

"Downtown Macon is the perfect site for our new Center for Graduate and Professional Learning," President Dorothy Leland said in a news release. "The Thomas Jefferson Building offers ample space for classrooms, offices and student support, as well as amenities that include cultural attractions, convenient shopping and restaurants."

The building is within walking distance of restaurants, art galleries, a movie theater, a museum

Hall of Fame.

"Downtown Macon is very eager to identify additional services that our students may want," Gormly said. "Whatever the traffic is, they are willing to be entrepreneurial about it."

programs Graduate offered in Macon currently include education, nursing, business, criminal justice, public administration and kinesiology. Gormly said additional degrees could be added based on demand and each department's wishes.

Nitsche said the foundation had been in the process of finding the graduate program a new home for over two years.

"We believe that there is a real need for more graduate programs in the

and the Georgia Music central Georgia area, and our ability to expand what we were doing was limited by the space we could find in institutions in town," Nitsche said. "This will allow us not only to consolidate them, but also to expand and meet the needs of the work force in Middle Georgia."

> Both Nitsche Gormly agreed the new building would have very little impact on undergraduate students located on the Milledgeville campus.

"I think in terms of the impact (the move) will have on graduate students, is that it will be able to offer a lot more services and opportunities for engagement with the university," Gormly said. "It's not just sit in the classroom and take your classes and go."



# THANK YOU!

# To everyone who helped make this a great semester!

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#### **DOMINY'S DOODLES**

BY KYLE DOMINY



# Fear for an increased minimum wage



BY ANDREW ADAMS **COLUMNIST** 

The democrats won the election Tuesday. They won big. The American people voted, and chose the democrats. Come January, the Democrats will be in control of both houses of Congress. Among the most important parts of having a congressional majority is the ability to set the agenda. Soon to be Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi is already setting forth her agenda for the upcoming two years. Her very first piece of business is raising the minimum wage, which she hopes to do within her first hundred hours.

Speaker-elect Pelosi has proposed raising the minimum wage from at this college, I am mum wage at the present \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour. It sounds great proposed doesn't it? That means anyone currently making below \$7.25 will make more money, right?

Actually...No.

less Investors will not accept less money from their company, so instead they will cut back on labor hours and possibly lay off some employees. In essence, employees who were previously making below \$7.25 per hour might now be out of a job.

The Macroeconomics text book used by this college states that 79 percent of economists believe that raising the minimum wage results in unemployment of young and unskilled workers.

I'm actually going to be directly affected by this proposal. I work intramurals as a parttime job here, and like most student employees Meaning that the mini-

making below the \$7.25 minimum wage. I should be all for this measure since it would effectively mean salivate over the sociala pay increase for me. ist But I'm not for it Switzerland. because I realize that if Switzerland is If a company has to intramurals has to pay pay their employees their employees more, more, then the company then they will have to and business. However, money. greatly cut back the in Switzerland there is Owners, CEOs, and sports and events absolutely no minimum offered. This means my intramural friends and I would be left with very few hours.

This bill won't hurt huge corporations like Wal-Mart because they already pay their average starting employees well above this proposed hike. But this law would really hurt mom and pop shops that hire a local 15-year-old to stock their shelves.

If you take a look at the history of the minimum wage, it is apparent that we aren't due for another hike for a good many years. When the minimum wage was created in 1938 it was \$0.25 per hour. That is \$3.22 2005 dollars. in

seemingly low sum of \$5.15 is actually relatively high.

Liberals, in particular, utopia stranger to government regulations of people Nine other European nations also leave employee wages to be decided solely by employee the employer.

Sadly, though, this bill will probably pass. President Bush has already made it clear that he would sign (it's not like he knows how to veto anyway) a hike in the minimum wage. N u m e r o u s Congressional republicans will probably rally with democrats to make it look like they are giving the poorest of Americans a raise. In reality, they will be giving them a pink slip.

Send responses to colonnadeletters@gcsu.edu

#### A sad day for The Colonnade

Oftentimes, when a student from GCSU is asked where they go to school, many people confuse us with Georgia State. That is quickly followed by the question: "Where is

The answer "Milledgeville" then provokes the memory of our location from the following places and events that this sleepy little town is most recognized for: a.) Central State b.) State Prison c.) Where Julia Roberts' character is from in the movie "Pretty Woman" d.) It is the home to GCSU and of The Colonnade features editor and future National Graphic Adventure intern extraordinaire, Josh Fulmer.

We here at The Colonnade never talk about ourselves in Our Voice. We reserve Our Voice to raise awareness, defend and/or refute our columnists and mostly to agitate our readers, but rarely do we talk about ourselves. However, we have to make an exception to celebrate the graduation (and departure) of your features editor, Joshua Blane Fulmer.

Apart from Fulmer, we are in fact most proud of all our departing seniors who will be leaving us after this semes-

This particular Colonnader however, deserves to leave GCSU with a bang and excessive boasting since he's too humble to do it himself.

This January, Fulmer will be relocating to New York City and start work as an intern - a National Geographic intern.

Our long-haired, bike riding, Chaco-wearing favorite hippie will be joining the ranks of many other National Geographic interns making coffee, printing copies, and doing other tedious work only interns would do.

And we couldn't be prouder of this future alumnus. He's going to make some bosses happy up there.

We also look to Fulmer as a ray of hope, a guiding light for those of us waiting to see if our diplomas will stand the test against those from bigger, supposedly better schools. He's proof that, perhaps, in this brand name- and label-crazy world, going to a school with no football team gets you somewhere as good or better than the "big boys."

He's going to speak volumes that a not having a degree from UGA or any other popular institutions will not hinder mid-size schools like us. The playing field is equal, and the opportunity is everywhere for the taking.

But then again, Fulmer worked extremely hard to get that internship, beating out hundreds of applicants, some of them probably intern hopefuls from schools that grow this thing called Ivy around their crests.

Fulmer did more than go to class and get a degree. He exerted himself in the journalism field and the outdoor education field. He gained experience and took advantage of our university's intimate programs and worked closely with professors. He kept his identity as unique as anyone can make it, and in the end, it was him and the experience, not the university, that will send him to the Big Apple.

So, no pressure on you, Fulmer. The credibility of our school now rests on your skills and ability to make pots of coffee. We're probably, most likely, going to miss you.

Like we said, opportunities are there for the seizing. Seize yours.

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# THE SGA NEWSFEED

The semester is quickly coming to an end, and Student Government Association wants to look back over the semester and recap how they have contributed to GC&SU and its students. Over this semester, SGA has given out \$3000 dollars to nine Student Recognized Organizations in need of funds. As well as giving money to RSOs, SGA has also given out more money to other student organizations and clubs that needed funds to travel for academic purposes like going to conferences and making presentations around the nation.

money, SGA has also been Look in The Colonnade quite involved this semester with doing events like getting "Baked on the Front Lawn," where many RSOs around the campus baked goods and advertised their individual student organizations. SGA also stayed involved by looking into the graduation requirements and the advertising and chalking policy.

Recently the academic affairs committee has also started looking into the advisement process to see how students can get more help from outside sources besides their advisor dur-

Besides giving out ing registration times. be thankful when grades and listen around campus for more details on this for senators are opening up next semester.

Since the end of the semester is coming, that means something else is also coming... finals. But, SGA has good news (at least, as good of news as you can have when dealing with finals). The student services committee for SGA has changed the library hours for the week of finals. Starting Tuesday, the library will stay open until midnight for those late night studiers. Take my advice: Take advantage

of the new hours; you will

come in.

Lastly, a few positions for the beginning of next semester for SGA. If you are interested, please contact SGA by coming by the office or emailing them at student.government@gcsu .edu for more details.

Good luck GC&SU students with finals, and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in January!

> - Submitted by Senator Ryan Greene, SGA senator

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Milledgeville just doesn't get it

Dear Editor,

What a sad day for GS&SU. My husband and I are both alumni and are upset, but not surprised, by the vote from the City Council. Milledgeville has never embraced the university or its students. They enjoy the economic impact that the students make, but do not want to them to be a part of the community. Athens, where we live now,

community embraces a university. Yes, Athens has its issues too, but it has opened its doors to the more than 30,000 students that call this home for 4 or 5 years.

Milledgeville needs to realize that without the college students and the university it would more than likely be another Sparta or Eatonton.

Good luck to you guys

is a great example of how a and keep fighting this and maybe you will see change, go out and vote in the next election and make your voices heard.

> Sincerely, Jessica Kirk Benefits Coordinator University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

# Bobcat Beat

"If you had one wish for Christmas, what would it be?"



"I wish for abundant snowfall in Milledgeville so that school is canceled at the start of 2007."

Bren Thomas, Freshman, Theatre

#### "A new mp3 player."

Caroline Horlacher, Freshman, Theatre





"A new car." Michael Blount, Sophomore, Art

"For my parents to let me buy my own car... With my own money."

Rachel Edmonds, Freshman, Theatre





"For my Mom to not have cancer any-

Taylor Barton, Freshman, Early Education

Beat Reported by Sean Gamble

# Quiet please! You're in the library

Dear Editor,

During orientation, I was given the impression that the GC&SU Library was a wonderful place to research, study and work on class papers.

As I strolled through the stacks, I marveled at the abundance of resource materials, the computers, study rooms, and tables, and especially the crystalline silence. I knew this library would become my favorite spot on campus.

Alas, it was not to be.

As the semester progressed and the assignments became tougher, I found myself having to seek out a place to work in cafes downtown, in the Modern Foreign Language lab, even in the computer creatures. But a library is a

labs below the library prop-

I have been forced to these extremes by the students who seem to think that the second floor of the library -- the area around the computers -- is the ideal place to socialize. The noise level in this area, which is the only place in the library where someone can type papers, has become unbearable; it fluctuates from a steady drone to the loud bluster of a school cafeteria. It seems the library staff does not know what to do about it; my complaints are met with sympathy and a frustrated shrug. I understand that people in close proximity to one another will talk; after all, humans are social

place for reading, study, research and writing. As such, it is NOT a place for cell phones, socializing, catching up on last week's football game, or any conversation louder than a whisper.

It is beyond absurd that students who need to work and study in the library, where the resources they need are at their fingertips, should be evicted by those who obviously are not using the library to its prop-

Please, fellow students, have some regard for each

> Sincerely, Joshua Lavender English Junior

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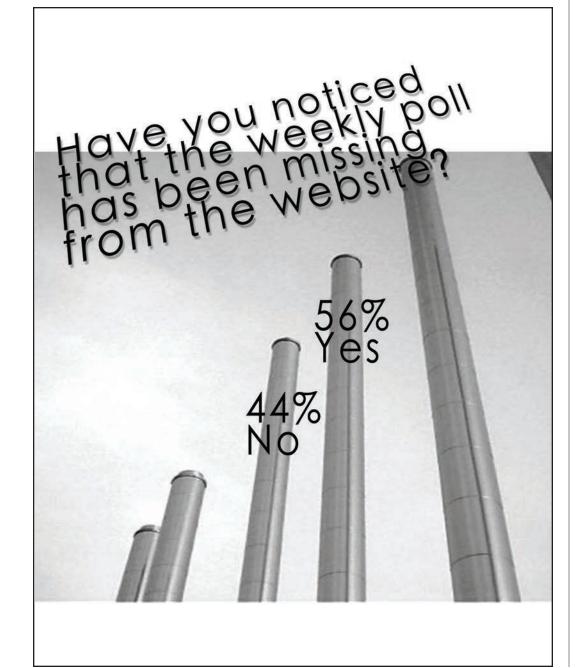
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In last week's story "Graffiti in the most private of public places" the pull quote was incorrectly attributed to Sara Fleetwood. It should have been attributed to Sybil Zimmerman.

#### POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY ERIC JONES



# Instant Message with "ColonnadeVent"

Mike Vick is a good joke....

ColonnadeVent

Last message received at: 6:33:10 PM

Here's an idea....if we as college students don't like the ordinance that was passed, why don't we boycott all the downtown restaurants and businesses...that'll change their minds.

Why can't people understand how to use the student all-digest? I love hearing about events (LIKE FREE MOVIE TICKETS) the day after it happens!

Why must girls look like sluts on Myspace and Facebook? Everyone can see

This time of year in college feels like the intellectual equivalent of that torture scene in "Casino Royale." You know the one.

When did our campus become a daycare?

Department of redundancy department, please hold.

That's what I like to call sex - poetry of the body.

Did you just eat it?...Yeah, it seemed appropriate.

I'm Mr. Busy Pants!

I just love Bobcat Village. I love the fact that my apartment flooded last night. I love the fact that there was 3 inches of water in our living room. And I love the fact that we are finally moving! YAY!

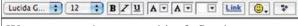
Pet owners at the Grove. Seriously. CLEAN YOUR DOGS' S\*\*\*!!

You just got friend whored!

Teachers need to quit piling tests at the end of the semester. It's ridiculous. Learn time management!

Christmas music is the best! It makes me happy!

You look like a garden gnome. All you need is a little pick axe, a little shovel and some suspenders.



Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.





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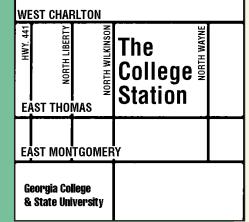
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# WHAT'S **HAPPENING**

December 1 -December 7

#### Friday, December 1

3:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Ruelism: The Living Proof, by Senior Art Major Ruel Lee, Blackbridge Hall Gallery
"Where I Stand?" by Senior Art Major Megan
McCurley Blackbridge Hall Gallery 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GCSU Art Department 5th Annual Ceramic Pot Sale, Front of Blackbridge Hall (Free Coffee & 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

LEAD Meeting, 131 Maxwell Student Union

First Friday Foreign Films: Xala (Senegal), A&S

7:30 p.m. Bobcat Basketball: Bobcats vs Carver, Centennial

Jazz Band Holiday Concert, Russell Auditorium 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 2

Dec 2 - Dec 22 Christmas at the Old Governor's Mansion, Old Governor's Mansion

"Changing the Face of Medicine: Profiles of Achievement," University Museum GCSU College Republicans Annual Cocktail Dinner, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

7 p.m. Magnolia Ballroom

7:30 p.m. Choral Ensembles Holiday Concert, First Presbyterian Church, Milledgeville

#### Sunday, December 3

Kwanzaa Celebration, Magnolia Ballroom 4 p.m.

#### Monday, December 4

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior Art Major Mat Glaser, Blackbridge Hall Gallery Gallery Talk for CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior

12 p.m. Art Major Mat Glaser, Blackbridge Hall Gallery NAACP General Body Meeting, MSU Lounge "Changing the Face of Medicine: Profiles of Achievement," University Museum p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Opening Reception for Gallery Talk for CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior Art Major Mat Glaser, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Blackbridge Hall Gallery

#### Tuesday, December 5

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior Art Major Mat Glaser, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

5 p.m. "If You're Thinking of Buying a Mac," Library Instructional Technology Center Skin Deep: "Is Beauty Really Skin Deep?" A 7:30 p.m. GCSU Student Documentary, A&S Auditorium

Midnight Breakfast, MSU Dining Hall 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.

#### Wednesday, December 6

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior Art Major Mat Glaser, Blackbridge Hall Gallery

Student Government Association, Student Activities 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

(Dogwood Room A&B) SIFE Meeting

5 p.m. 6 p.m.

A.N.G.E.L.S. meeting, Blackbird Coffee House (Downtown)

### Thursday, December 7

Christmas Candlelight Tours, Old Governor's Mansion 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CONsumed, CONtrolled by Senior Art Major Mat

Glaser, Blackbridge Hall Gallery



# THE COLONNADE

# Public Safety Report

#### **Stealing cable**

On Nov. 11, at approximately 11:30 p.m., an individual reported that \$3,000 worth of audio cables had been taken from a storage in Russell Auditorium. There are no suspects at this time.

#### **Proof of insurance?**

On Nov. 14, at approximately 7:33 a.m., Sgt. Ennis observed a vehicle on Wilkinson Street with an expired tag. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver. A check through GCIC determined that the tag was expired and that the vehicle had no insurance. The driver was issued citations for expired tag and no insurance. Old Capitol towed the vehicle.

#### When a stranger calls

On Nov. 14, at approximately 11:45 a.m., a female student reported that someone was calling her cell phone between 1:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on this date. The female stated that she did not know the person calling her and that the number showed up as restricted. The student was advised to notify Public Safety of any suspicious persons that may come into contact with her and to also change her cell phone num-

#### Door busted **Foundation Hall**

On Nov. 16, at approximately 12:55 a.m., a student reported that an unknown person kicked the door to a room located in Foundation Hall. The door was unable to be secured. Physical Plant was called in to repair the door. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

#### suffers Student from alcohol poisoning

On Nov. 17, at approximately 1:03 a.m., Officer Pissott was dispatched to Napier Hall in reference to a student with possible alcohol poisoning. Contact was made with the Resident Director who advised Officer Pissott that a female student had consumed a large amount of liquor while downtown. EMS was called and the student was transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center to assess her condi-

#### Brakelights lead to drug complications

On Nov. 19, at approximately 11:39 p.m., Officer Gaines observed a vehicle on Irwin Street with no working brake lights. As the vehicle turned onto Hancock Street, Officer Gaines observed that the driver of the vehicle did not have on a seatbelt. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver. Officer Gaines detected the odor of marijuana while approaching the vehicle. The driver advised Officer Gaines that there was marijuana in the vehicle and when searched, Officer Gaines found suspected crack cocaine on the driver. The driver was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Department and charged Possession with Marijuana and Possession of Crack Cocaine. Old Capitol Wrecker Service towed the vehicle.

> Information compiled by Jessica Murphy

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Section Editor, Joshua Fulmer

# A Jazz Band Christmas



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Byron Stripling (above), a professional jazz musician, and Greg Burns (right), senior music education major, perform at last Spring's jazz concert.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER

Jingle bells will be ringing throughout Russell Auditorium Friday, Dec. 1, as the GCSU Jazz Band holds its inaugural holiday concert at 8 p.m.

Todd Shiver, associate professor of music and director of bands at GCSU, said he hopes that this will become an annual event on campus.

"Ever since we switched to the semester system (at GCSU) I have tried to do a holiday concert," Shiver said. "This year it was a scheduling thing. The Dec. 1 date was open and I grabbed it and said I'd like a holiday concert."

According to the program, the concert will feature many classic holiday songs including "Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer," "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," as well as some very jazzy tunes like "Santa Baby" and "Baby, It's Cold Outside," among others.

"I think it's really good timing to get people into the holiday spirit, the jazz style lends itself really well to these songs," Shiver

The Jazz Band is made up of nearly 30 students and features saxophones, guitar, trumpets, trombone, piano and vocalists. Guest vocalists John Mason and Sydney Cash will also contribute their talents for the concert.

The Jazz Band is well known throughout the area for their annual Fall and Spring concerts that attract students and jazz fans alike. Shiver said he thinks this event could become even bigger than the other con-

"(The band members) have really been working hard to put on a good show." Shiver said. "This concert is just going to be a lot of fun for everyone involved."

Tickets to the concert are department located at Parks Hall and will cost \$3 for



students and \$6 for general admission. All proceeds go cost for the Jazz Bands study abroad trip to the Czech Republic in May

Shiver said that he expects the concert to sell out and suggests anybody available at the music interested to get their tickets early.

For more information on the concert, contact the directly to help lower the Department of Music and Theatre at (478) 445-4226.

"This is a great opportuy to see the Shiver said. "There is only one show, so don't miss out; I really think people will be pleased and it will get them into the holiday spirit."

### **Fitness Brief:** Avoid holiday pounds



BY DEVIN VERNICK SENIOR REPORTER

This is your only hope for not having to ask for a new pair of pants this Christmas. As exciting as the holiday season is, many people recognize that for their body, it can be a recipe for disaster. The consistent abundance of food being served at every meal and the temptation to spend most of the time lounging will present itself during the upcoming break.

That being said, here's are a few quick and easy guidelines to follow that will hopefully prevent us from returning in January with some extra holiday pounds.

Richard Dobson, a junior exercise science major here at GCSU, believes that staying fit over the break is not as difficult as one may think.

"The biggest thing about eating healthy in the holidays is being mindful of portion sizes. That is the key in maintaining a healthy diet throughout the year, but food is in abundance during the holidays," Dobson said.

The average person makes their first and easi- training routine may be est mistake by choosing to one's best option for this overeat during those special holiday meals. The quantity of calories consumed at each meal will and healthy. play a crucial role in personal health. Simply put:

Don't pig out at every meal just because there is a lot of food in front of you. If you're feeling full, it is not worth it to take that second helping of mashed potatoes.

"The best foods are sweet potatoes with little or no sugar, green beans and salads, and turkey (it is the leanest meat), but the real key is portion size. Drink as much water as possible, water should be the drink of every meal," Dobson said.

Let's be realistic here, it's nearly impossible to avoid those holiday favorites that are seen once a year. You're going to eat grandma's apple pie and Aunt Sally's homemade cookies when the opportunity comes. Try to make it one slice instead of two, and so forth. But for your health, it is ideal to avoid foods that are fried or high in salt, for your heart's sake. Some people will risk not being physically active at all during the break and over indulging themselves with holiday treats.

"That's bad news bears right there. If you're taking in a lot more calories than you burn, that's the road to weight gain," Dobson said.

Another easy temptation to fall into is using the cooler weather as an excuse to remain indoors, and remain inactive. If you feel that it would be uncomfortable to go for a run and the local gym is not an option, there is another alternative.

A no-weights circuit situation. It requires no special tools or location, just the desire to stay fit

# Max Noah Singers go on tour

BY EMILY BALLARD SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia College & State University's Max Noah Singers are going on tour during this year's holiday season. The choral ensemble leaves Milledgeville on Tuesday, Dec. 12 and returns from the tour on Saturday, Dec.

"We're doing both performances and recruiting visits," said Dr. Jennifer Flory, the director of choral activities and assistant professor of music.

The Max Noah Singers consists of 21 skilled musicians from GCSU. The choir is made up of males and females, music majors and non-music majors. Students are required to audition to be a part of the group and must demonstrate quality musical ability and strong commitment. Max Noah Singers are also required to be apart of another choral ensemble.

Sarah Brandenburg, a senior music education major said, "The best thing about singing in Max Noah is that it allows us to sing more challenging music and to get the experience to sing in a smaller ensemble."

The ensemble will perform at least four concerts



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE MAX NOAH SINGERS AT A RECENT PERFORMANCE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nashville, Tenn., Marietta and Milledgeville. They'll also perform at Rutland High School in Macon and the Chattanooga Center for Creative Arts, for recruiting.

On tour, the Max Noah Singers will be singing music mainly about the Virgin Mary. The styles of music however, will be very diverse. Flory said one piece is written in a Renaissance chant-like style, while others are twentieth century compositions. The concert will end with a short set of music that people will be more familiar with.

The Max Noah Singers have been busy rehearsing and are looking forward to going on tour.

Amy Eller, Vice president of Choral Council said, "I've never done a tour before and I love Nashville so I am excit-

Eller, a junior music education major said the tour is a little stressful since they are leaving the last day of finals and won't get to winter break until five days after everyone else.

Although Eller has little hesitations, she said she is sure that the tour will be worth it.

Flory hopes that students will not only gain musical and aesthetic experiences from the tour, but they will also be able to bond with each other.

Mathis Wilkens, a freshmen pre-engineering major said that there will plenty of time for them to grow closer as a group. He is also thrilled to perform

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#### 'Androcles and the Lion' brings the wisdom of Aesop to Russell Auditorium

BY ERIC JONES SENIOR REPORTER

The opening act of "Androcles and the Lion" plays out like a Three Stooges sketch. Two guys come bumbling merrily onto the stage, run in to one another, scoff and start to fight. They wear bright colored cloths that flow whenever they move. They make the falls look less painful. Then the two of them find instruments and begin to play. The music is not funny though. It's pretty.

The play was performed in Russell Auditorium on 15-18,Hawkinsville's Old Opera House on Nov. 21 and is scheduled to play at the Georgia Children's Museum on Dec. 1st and 2nd. This makes it the longest running show produced at GCSU this year and with good reason because the showings last week played for audiences of up to nine hundred children and families.

"Androcles and the Lion" is a whimsical telling of Aesop's original fable which combines blunt humor with subtle comments on morality. As the young slave Androcles says in his squeaky voice, "Every man must be free to Director Kathleen

McGeever said that her first experience with fables was when she was a child.

"I have always loved the simple stories and zany slapstick comedy, so when the department set out to select a children's or family piece to produce this season, I was drawn to the classic fable retold by Aurand Harris.'

McGeever directed the play in the energetic style of Commedia dell'Arte', where the players wear exaggerated costumes and facemasks to "emphasize the absurdity of all human behavior."

GCSU Senior and Lead Actor Taylor Roy said "its basically a two and a half hour Looney Toone."

He also said it was the most "high energy" performance he's ever done. Although physically exhausted after so many shows, Roy was grateful to play a role that "really let me cut loose in a way.'

The story tells of a young slave, Androcles, (played by freshman Nick Mason) who struggles to free two young lovers (Kara Cox and Jeremy Skidmore) from the clutches of the villains, Pantalone and Capitano (Taylor Roy and Lauren Boyd). During his quest to help the lovers, Androcles befriends a lion (Brooke Faulkner) who later frees him. The moral of the story is optimistic. Good things come to those that do good for others, or as the program guide says 'what you give is what you will get in return'.

The play's uplifting absurdity lent the actors to play with technique more than method acting.

Roy said, "If you're too much in your own head, like 'I'm acting for me', then you're not letting the audience in."

Since the characters speak their entire thought processes and exaggerate their actions, physical action takes priority over mental, emotional response.

"You have to find a balance between technique and method acting," Roy

Even the props are overblown and silly. Coins are the size of hockey pucks, notes are huge rolled up foam pads and swords are made of squared off planks of wood. Actors play trees and walls and water to make them come alive for the audience, and new settings spring out of cleverly designed boxes, as though the entire world could fit as easily into a small wooden crate as it does on the stage.

# Poets bust out the rhymes



ANDREW BENESH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

STEVE CONNELL (LEFT) AND SEKOU 'THA MISFIT' PERFORM IN THE MAGNOLIA BALLROOM.

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS STAFF WRITER

The heavy rain and rolling thunder made for the perfect, cozy and inviting atmosphere for all those who attended the poetry performance by Steve Connell and Sekou (Tha Misfit) Wednesday, Nov. 15 in Magnolia Ballroom.

The dramatic weather however, did not upstage the incredible poets whose passionate words carried the audience through an amazing roller coaster of emotions and left many with a new interest in their form of poetry called

"spoken word".
"The show was wonderful," said Odinaka Ezeokoli, a senior chemistry major. "I really enjoyed when they spoke of other poets such as Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, that was interesting. Overall they did a great job."

The duo performed several poems together and formance it is obvious individually through spo- how they have come so one who will listen. They ry that combines elements humble, with a gift for tion to express themselves of theater, hip-hop and stand-up comedy.

"I think spoken word is where rap was 20 or 30 years ago, where people were like 'Oh this is just a fad, its not a real art form, it's a trend that will die out," Connell said. "And

now rap is known all around the world, so I think spoken word is where rap started. We are just trying to make people realize that poetry is not boring, its real, we are bringing it to life through this hybrid art form."

Steve and Sekou have definitely gotten people's attention; they each have resumes with amazing accomplishments, making them the celebrities of the spoken word style. They have performed for Oprah Winfrey, Maya Angelou, P-Diddy and Quincy Jones. They have also been featured on HBO's Def Comedy Jam, Good Morning America, and MTV's Battlegrounds. Between them, they have won two National and two Regional Poetry Slam championships and they each have their own CD's for sale.

With all their notability it is easy to be intimidated by these poets, but after experiencing their perken word, a form of poet- far. They are surprisingly are teaching a new generaexpressing themselves with words in a manner that everyone can relate to. They performed on array of topics from love to politics, everyday joys and struggles.

"There is not one source that we pull from, it's lots of things, it's life, it's living, it's everything that we are going through," said Sekou. " It's about a current campaign situation or a girlfriend that we broke up with. All life experiences are extracted at various times and its put out there and whatever frequency the antenna is picking up at that particular moment is what inspires us and hits

the page." Much of the appeal for these two artists comes from realizing that they are not in the business just so they can be on MTV's Cribs someday. They are true pioneers of the spoken word art form and just because they have performed for audiences of thousands, does not mean that they won't put on a show for an audience of

Steve and Sekou continue to convert people to spoken word in a grass roots way by performing at colleges and universities across the nation for anythrough the renovation of an art form that's thousands of years old.

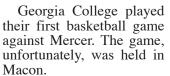
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# Colonnade Writing Contest

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#### Freshman do the Darndest Things...



My friend Tori and I went out to dinner around six o'clock and left the restaurant just after seven. We still wanted to try to make it to the game, which started at seven, so we headed on down to Macon. When we arrived, the second half had just started, so we got to watch our Bobcats beat some Bear butt. After the game, Tori and I started back home, but we got turned around somewhere and were stuck in downtown Macon.

We decided that we were not going to call a single person but rely on our own wit to get us back home to Milledgeville.

Well, our wit failed us as we traveled the streets of Macon for over an hour. We kept laughing about everything, but Tori started to get really freaked out. We were stuck on this oneway street and didn't know how to get back, so we decided to pull into an empty parking lot, not realizing that we couldn't really turn around on a oneway street.

Then these guys pulled into the lot right after us, and it surprised Tori so

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much that she screamed, which made us laugh even harder. And all of a sudden, I hear: "I JUST PEED!!" And Tori, being the amazing girl that she is, peed herself, right on her leather

After Tori soiled her skirt, we really did get scared, and we flagged down a police car so they could tell us how to get home. We told them we were lost, and they said they figured as much, so after driving around for about two hours in Macon, we found our way safe and sound back to GCSU.

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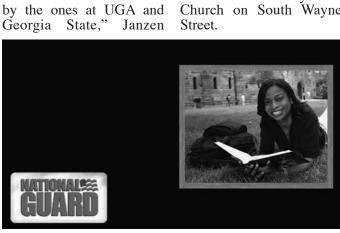
and share their music with so many people.

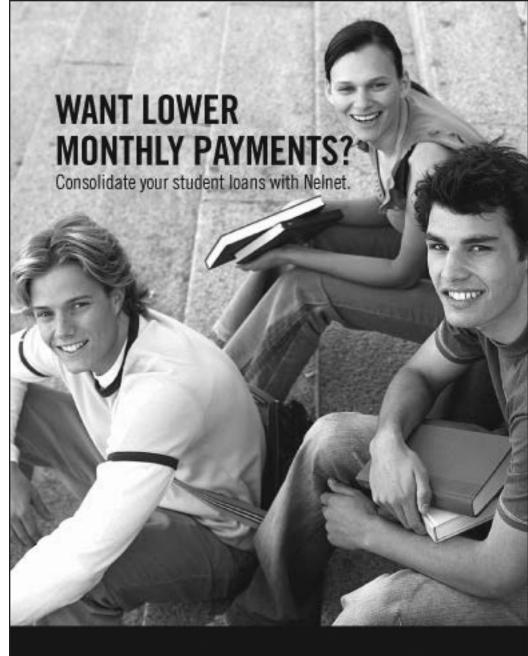
"I hope to meet many new people but more importantly I hope to put a smile on the faces in our audience," Wilkens said. "I love singing, but I love even more knowing that I made someone else happy through music."

Blair Janzen a junior music education major said she hopes the tour will

bring a stronger reputation

The tour will end in Milledgeville on Saturday, Dec. 16, for a final concert at First Presbyterian Church on South Wayne





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# THE SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN



The WESPY Awards

#### Coach of the year

Joe Samprone: Samprone and the men's cross country team earned runner-up honors at the 2006 Peach Belt Conference Cross Country Championships. Along with this accomplishment Samprone, lead the men to their first-ever regional ranking. The Bobcats are ranked tenth in the South Region in the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association polls.

#### Player of the year

Richard Dobson: Dobson was named Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Week twice in 2006, marking the first time a GCSU runner has won the award since the conference began awarding them for the sport in 2005. Dobson also broke the record for the fastest time in school history. Dobson finished fourth overall in the PBC Championship with a time of 26:47, edging the school record of 26:56 set by Michael Hague at the 2004 Gator Invitational in San Francisco, Calif.

#### Comeback of the year

Men's Golf Team: After not finishing higher than 12th, the GCSU Golf Team tied for second out of 18 teams at the Aflac/Cougar Invitational hosted by Columbus State University in the final tournament of the season. This huge turnaround earned the team a ranking of 19 in the nation according to the Golf Coaches Association of America NCAA Division II Poll.

#### Rising Star

Lyric Burnett: Burnett was tied with all freshmen on the women's soccer team for the lead in points scored with 14. Burnett's shining moment came when she scored three second half goals to help the women's soccer team knock off visiting Lander University 5-0. It was the first "hattrick" in the three-year history of the Bobcat soccer program.

#### **Most Enthusiastic Fan**

Sports Marketing Class: Joe Schwartz' sports marketing class led several during projects women's soccer games to increase the enthusiasm and interest of the fans at GCSU athletic events.

# Aiken and Lander, the odd couple

BY A.J. Foss SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU Men's and Women's Basketball Teams played Peach Belt Conference foes Lander University on Nov. 21 and USC Aiken on Nov. 27 at the Centennial Center in "non-conference" games.

The reason the games were designated nonconference is because these were "regional" games, meaning these games would count toward the South Atlantic Region standings, the region in which GCSU and the PBC is in to compete in postseason tournaments. the games would not count towards determining the regularseason champion of the PBC.

Stan Aldridge, athletics director, was having difficulty in finding teams outside the PBC and in the South Atlantic Region for GCSU to play so they could have a full schedule.

"We needed games that count as region games for the NCAA Playoffs," Aldridge said. "Even though they do not count as conference games, they do count as region games."

The reason for the shortage for the games is the amount of games GCSU plays in the conference. If the conference has 12 teams or more, which it does for the 2006-07 season, then the teams are split into two divisions that are made up of six teams. Each team plays every team in their respective division twice, but only plays every team from the opposing division

Aldridge is not a fan of this system and feels that each team in the PBC should play each other twice

"I think you get a better indication of a true champion if everybody played each other the same



ANDREA GRIFFIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sophomore guard Shaun Keaton, 24, shot four of eight from the field and scored 14 points against USC Aiken. He also played solid defense grabbing three steals. The Bobcats beat the conference foe 96-82 in a nonconference match.

amount of games," Aldridge said.

The benefit of having these "non-conference" games was that it cut the travel time and costs for both Lander and USC Aiken to get to Milledgeville which is about two-to-three hours compared to driving for several hours to play a game in Alabama or Tennessee.

'Some of the schools that weren't far away, we wanted to schedule them because of travel and costs," said Terry Sellers, head

While travel was a major reason in scheduling these games, women's basketball head coach John Carrick believes that the basketball programs' reputation as a winner was something that drove other teams away. Carrick said he tried to schedule his team to play Valdosta State but was unable to reach an agreement.

"It is hard to get teams to play

coach of the men's basketball us both because we win and where we are located," Carrick said.

However, Carrick and the GCSU athletic department will not have to worry about a shortage of games next season as USC Upstate is leaving the PBC after this season.

This will drop the amount of teams in the conference to 11 and opening the possibility of every team playing each other twice in the PBC next year.

# The 'Kaps' win inaugural 3-on-3 tourney

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN STAFF REPORTER

While most students were traveling the highheading home Friday, the Brokebacks won the first ever 3 on 3 tournament hosted by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

The tournament came about as a result of an earlier Greek fundraiser called Turtle Tug and an idea to raise money for PUSH America, the national philanthropy for the fraternity, and Santa's Miracle Fund.

'Honestly we were just thinking of a way to raise some money for ourselves, for our philanthropy and for the Santa Miracle's Fund," said Brandon Talbird, head of fraternitournament. "Basketball is something you don't have to be good at to have fun."

PUSH America is an organization that specializes in service to those who are disabled.

"Half of what we made is going to the Santa's Miracle Fund and the other half is going to PUSH America," Talbird said.

Alden Williams, Pi Kappa Phi member and senior exercise science major, commented on working with PUSH America.

"It's great," Williams said. "Whether it's by a car accident or whether it's by



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The Pi Kappa Phi Brokebacks beat the Whiteout in the championship to claim the inaugural Pi Kappa Phi three-on-three tournament title. The event raised approximately \$400 to donate to PUSH America.

birth, people that have disabilities share the same likes or dislikes and it's iust a chance to get to know them a whole lot bet-

About the finals, Williams gave his predic-

got a feeling Whiteout is going to make it to the final," he said.

Eight teams entered the tournament, ranging from new teams and members to best friends who have played for all summer. Teams included were the Utensils, Team Mohawks, Brokebacks and Whiteout. Among the best would be Brokebacks Whiteout, who would play in the championship later in the night.

Whiteout dominated the court all night, up until the championship round. "Whiteout's looking pretty good. That's my prediction," said Justin Haight, a sophomore marketing, management and history major.

The Brokebacks lost to Whiteout the first game but fought to play them again in the championship.

Whiteout had relative ease going into the championship round. The Brokebacks lost Whiteout and had to win through the loser's bracket to advance to the championship round.

"I predicted Whiteout to win. We'll see if that happens. They tend to bring their A-game when they play," Martin said.

Whiteout seemed to follow the expectations of the crowd heading into the championship round but Brokebacks had revenge on their mind.

Led by Nate Platto, the Brokebacks jumped out to a 4-2 lead and continued to a 21-18 victory.

"(It was a) great win, we lost the first game but we came back and won (this) second game, "said Daniel Post, a freshman business management major.

After getting a rest, the Brokebacks came into the second game and dominated the dynasty Whiteout by going on an initial 14-2 run. Points from star player Kweku Pobee, a sophomore business major, helped Whiteout climb back into the game at 19-15, but the Brokebacks finished the game on a twopointer by Daniel Post to clinch the win and the championship.

"It feels good man. I'm tired of people talking about Whiteout... intramural Whiteout has some really athletic guys. This was just a little sample," Platto said.

The tournament brought in about \$400.

"Honestly we didn't have a target amount. Our main goal was to become positive somehow," said Loman Martin, a senior political science and public administration major.

#### **Upcoming Sports**

#### **Men's Basketball:**

Friday 7:30 p.m. Carver Saturday 7 p.m. @ Presbyterian

#### **Women's Basketball:**

Saturday @ N. Georgia 3 p.m. Dec. 9 5:30 p.m. @ Paine

#### **Quote** *of the* **Week**

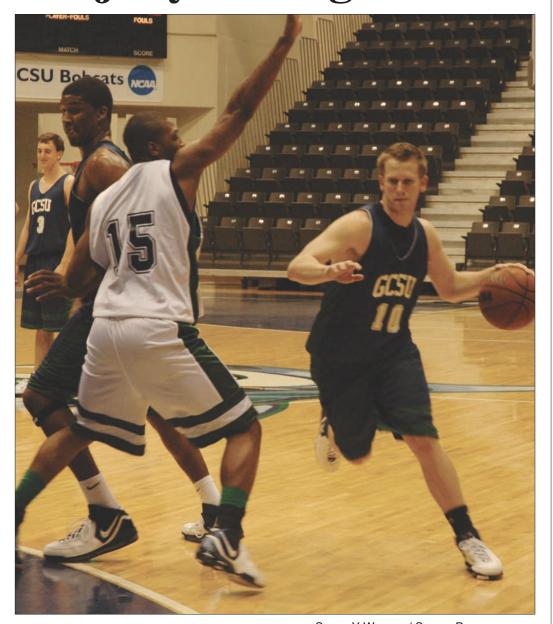
"It was just a part of a situation where my emotions got the best of me. I apologize sincerely to all my fans and to everybody who saw me make that gesture. It won't happen again."

-Mike Vick

#### STAT of the WEEK

Number of points scored junior Marquita Driskell in the past six games. She has also led the team in rebounds in four straight games with 51.

# Athletes try not to get too jolly during break



SHELLEY WATSON / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman guard Clay Jennings, 10, and the GCSU basketball teams go on a break over two weeks during the holiday. Both teams hope to remain in shape during the long time off.

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS STAFF REPORTER

Both the Bobcat and Lady Bobcat basketball teams' are on fire right now. With six games under both teams belts for the 2006-2007 season they are both currently undefeated.

The games thus far have all been non-conference. but the most intense part of the season begins almost immediately Christmas holidays. The

Bobcats and the Ladv Bobcats will have a twoweek break for the upcoming holidays before returning to play on Dec. 29.

The players are expected to rest during their break, but both team's coaches also expect them to come back to the court prepared

"You hope the players have enough pride in their condition to come back in condition," said John Carrick, head coach of the women's basketball team.

Carrick does not require the players to follow any specific work-out routine over the break, he does tell them to keep a basketball in their hands whenever possible. However, there is a penalty for eating too much

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home.

"The kids that are borderline over weight, we weigh them before the set a few more goals that break and we weigh them when they return. They have a penalty of running a win all home games, make mile for every pound gained," Carrick said.

A little more is expected out of the men's basketball team over the holidays. Losing six starting players from last season, the Bobcats are adjusting to a nationals." lot of new players.

require the team to keep up heed the advice of their with a work out over the holidays," said Terry Sellers, head coach of the men's basketball team. "This year we probably will. The players need to take care of themselves and get some rest but they need to work out also."

Both teams have set a lot of goals for the season and are committed to achieving them. The Bobcats are working on increasing their skills out on the court.

team for very long," Sellers said. "We aren't setting goals on how many games we can win, we are trying to focus on performance, like not having as many

ham and biscuits back at turnovers in the game and other performance based goals."

> The Lady Bobcats have they hope to accomplish.

> "As a team, we want to a team GPA of 3.0 or better," said Lindsey Smith, a junior in her third year on the team as point guard. "Also, we want to win regular season, win conference tournament and make it to

Only time will tell "Some years we do whether the players will coaches and not only get the rest they need this Christmas break but also keep a basketball in their hands and come back prepared to take on the competition. Smith does not see a need to be too concerned. She is confident in herself and her team as well. She credits the hard work they put in on the courts everyday to keeping them on top.

"Honestly, I may play a pick up game or two, but "This team hasn't been a over the break, I actually break," Smith said. "Plus, I know when we get back Coach Carrick will get us into basketball condition quickly."

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# NATIONAL SPORTS SPOT





#### No. 8 Arkansas at No. 4 Florida SEC Championship 6 p.m. CBS

These teams have only met six times. Florida has won its last five meetings with Arkansas to take a 5-1 lead in the series. The Gators beat the Razorbacks 34-3 in the 1995 SEC championship game. Arkansas always seems to fall in the championship. They are due for a win only if McFadden is impressive. I pick the Gators 30-28



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#### No. 16 Wake Forest at No. 23 Georgia Tech ACC Championship 1 p.m. ABC

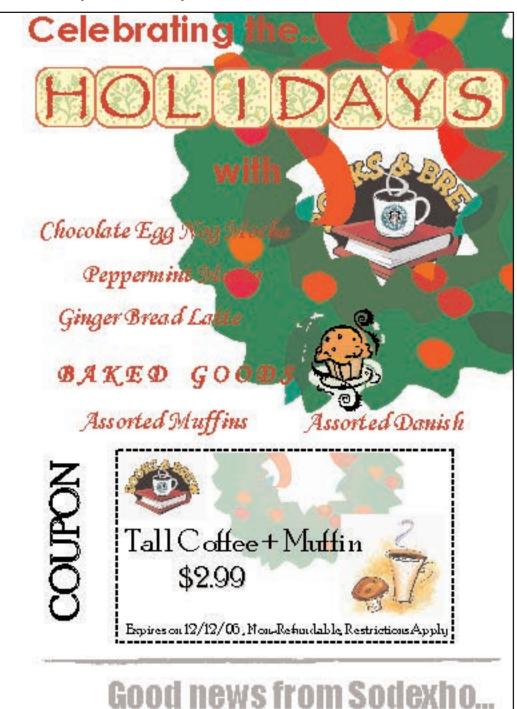
Georgia Tech clinched its previous two ACC titles in games against Wake Forest and with the Orange Bowl at stake they look to do it again. Georgia Tech has dominated this series winning 20 out of 27 meetings, including eight of the last ten. Georgia Tech won last season 30-17 victory as Ball threw for two touchdowns and ran for one. If Ball, the playmaker, shows up, Tech will win, 21-17.



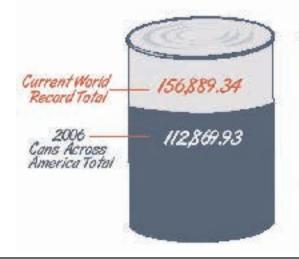


#### No. 2 USC at UCLA 4:30 p.m. ABC

The Trojans can most likely lock up a bid in the BCS Title game if they can beat their cross town rival UCLA. With all the near rivalry upsets this season look for a close one. I believe the Trojans pull out. They have forced nine turnovers and allowed an average of less than 11 points per game during their winning streak. Trojans will meet the Buckeyes in title as they win 35-21.



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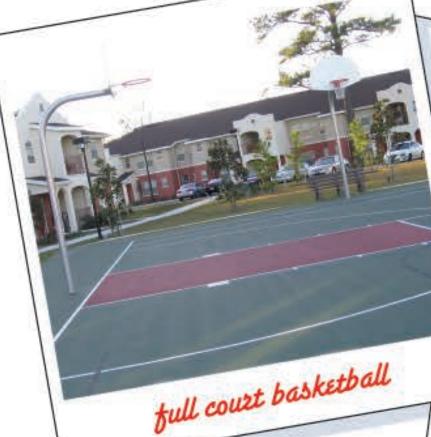
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